IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.BASHEER

WEDNESDAY, THE 11TH JULY 2007 / 20TH ASHADHA 1929

WP(C).No. 21346 of 2007(N)

PETITIONER:

B.BALACHANDRAN, LECTURER,
SELECTION GRADE (RTD.), DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, S.N.COLLEGE, KOLLAM, RESIDING AT "USHAS", VENPALAKKARA, VALATHUNGAL, KOLLAM.

BY ADV. SRI.S.MUHAMMED HANEEFF

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE PRINCIPAL,
S.N.COLLEGE, KOLLAM.

2. DIRECTOR OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION,
VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVT. PLEADER SRI. A.J. VARGHESE
SRI. A.N. RAJAN BABU, SC, S.N.TRUST

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 11/07/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

A.K. BASHEER, J.

W.P.(C). NO. 21346 OF 2007

Dated this the 11th day of July, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Grievance of the petitioner, who is a retired selection grade physical education lecturer, is that a major chunk of the amount payable from his Provident Fund account is being withheld for no apparent justifiable reasons.

2. It is admitted by the petitioner that he has received a sum of Rs.3,17,587/- from the said account. But according to him, a further sum of Rs.92,329/- is still payable to him. Anyhow I do not propose to deal with the above contentions at this stage in view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner at the Bar.

3. Petitioner points out that he has preferred Ext.P1 representation annexing a statement thereto, showing the year wise deposits made by him. The statement also shows the periodic interest payable. The limited prayer in this writ petition is to issue a direction to respondent No.2 to take a decision on Ext.P1 expeditiously. Learned Government Pleader submits that the matter will be looked into if Ext.P1 representation has been preferred, as contended by the petitioner.

In the above facts and circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and pass orders on Ext.P1 strictly on its merit and in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. Respondent No.2 shall ensure that petitioner is afforded sufficient opportunity to be heard before any decision is taken. Petitioner shall produce a certified copy of the judgment along with a copy of the writ petition before respondent No.2 for compliance.

A.K. BASHEER, JUDGE

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OP NO.20954/00

JUDGMENT

1ST MARCH, 2007